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AT A GLANCE

Let's discuss our problems honestly

by Reverend Reginald Jackson

NEWARK—One afternoon, I returned home after being out of town overnight. Coming to my office, I was bombarded with calls from reporters wanting my reaction to a statement by Governor Christine Whitman that "there's a game called 'jewels in the crown' that young black males have, and it's how many children they can sire out of wedlock."

When informed of the statement, my immediate thought was "here we go again." Since her election in November of 1993, there has been one controversy after another involving the black community. Beginning with the allegation by Ed Rollins, her campaign consultant, that he paid-off black ministers and mayors to keep down the black vote; then with radio talk show host Bob Grant, who made alleged racist comments about blacks - Governor Whitman was a frequent guest on his show and invited him to her inaugural, the governor's mansion; and again with Republican State Senator Gerald Cardinale, who threatened to challenge the tax exempt status of black churches because of their political activities.

The governor while able to defend her own sensitivity and take the necessary steps to deal with these situations, none-the-less has been tarnished and made suspect

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Gingrich: historian who denies history

GA—Former history professor and now Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich does not practice what he teaches—history.

Responding to an affirmative action question, The Washington Post reported, "Gingrich dismissed the argument that the beneficiaries of affirmative action, commonly African Americans, have been subjected to discrimination over a period of centuries. 'That is true of virtually every American,' Gingrich said, noting that the Irish were discriminated against by the English, for example."

Despots and other totalitarian like to burn the books—i.e., state history when they come to power, or pervert history for their own narrow political ends. One would expect more from a former history professor, especially one originating in the South.

History is unbroken continuity with causes and effects, actions and reactions, turn and consequences—but continuous. To try to compare the acculturation problems that other ethnic groups had when they voluntarily came to this country for a better opportunity; with 250 years of involuntary slavery, language, culture, families and freedom destroyed, 35th million written into the constitution, "no rights that a white man is bound to

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# STATE TAKES OVER NEWARK SCHOOL SYSTEM

by Sandra Wright

On Thursday, April 13 a New Jersey Superior Court judge issued an order for the state Department of Education to take control of the Newark school system.

At press time board officials and Lawyer Raymond Brown could not be reached for comments, however two Newark residents and parents, Dr. Colleen Walton and Ms. Donna Jackson, a candidate for the Newark Board of Education gave some insight into the situation.

Dr. Walton said that she believed, and still does, that the par-

ents and board of education was responsible for the decision. "We the parents, taxpayers, community leaders as well as clergy did not keep our watch for our children and allowed certain political leaders and members of the board to have their way and not be held accountable."

Walton also stated that she is not sorry about the decision and has no sympathy for the Newark Board of Education and its leadership.

"I have no sympathy for the Newark Board of Education at all, the current leadership has been there for so many years, one in particular, Mr. Bell has been there for

24 years, and the executive superintendent has been there for 14 years. They have come up with a reform plan that has no chance of being initiated successfully," said Walton.

"We have lost three generations of children between the cracks of miseducation of the system. I don't know whether or not we will be able to save those students who are already in high school, or who are getting ready to graduate from elementary school but we have to save those who are coming into the system."

Donna Jackson stated that she attended a briefing of the board

members on Friday, April 14, where members and attorney Raymond Brown discussed the takeover and the fact that the district has thirteen days to appeal the decision.

"Several audience members asked Brown how tenure and jobs in the city would be affected but he did not [give any clear indication to what would happen]," Jackson stated.

Whether the school district agrees or disagrees, makes no difference because the motion still has to be accepted or rejected by the commissioner of schools, who Jackson

feels will favor the decision.

"We know that the commissioner will rule in favor of the decision because he is for the Newark district being taken over. After he makes his decision, the case will be sent to the state board of education. Because of the pressures in Trenton right now we feel that the state board will also rule in favor of the takeover."

According to Jackson, there is a two-fold plan that has to be carried out by the Newark Board of Education in order to keep control

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## Senator demands apology for Governor's 'racially divisive' remarks

TRENTON—Senator Wayne Bryan (D-Camden) has called upon Governor Whitman to formally apologize for "racially divisive" remarks that were published this week in a Great Britain newspaper.

In an interview with the Sunday Independent, Governor Whitman gave the following response to a question on national welfare legislation in the Republican Congress to deprive unwed mothers of welfare payments.

"And as regards to unwed mothers, there's a game called 'jewels in the crown' that young black males have, and it's how many children you can sire out of wedlock. You can't legislate against that."

In an April 12th, letter sent to Governor Whitman, Senator Bryan wrote: "The problem of out-of-

wedlock births is a widespread problem that is undermining the



foundation of the American family. The problem cuts across cultural, economic, racial gender lines and we must seek solutions that deal

not divide. However, if you have empirical data substantiating your claim that African-American males deserve disproportionate blame, then I would like to see it."

Bryan's letter continued, "A comment of this venomous character would not be unexpected from shock radio disc jockeys or hate-inspired talk show hosts. But it is beneath the dignity of the person holding the Office of Governor of the State of New Jersey."

Senator Bryan, who is author of the New Jersey's landmark Family Development welfare reform laws, commented that Governor Whitman's public statement "is symptomatic of a troubling pattern of this administration's cultural ineptness."

The Office of the Governor

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## East Orange joins partnership to employ youth



(Standing l-r) council chairman Mark A. Scotland, mayor Cardell Cooper, Jobs 100 chair-Darrell Hartsfield, Mitchell Black, first ward councilwoman-Beverly K. Williams, (seated) president and coo E.O. General Hospital Mark Chastang, Deborah Rodd-Jobs 100 grad. RN at E.O.G. H.

EAST ORANGE—East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper joined hands in partnership with Mark Chastang, President of East Orange General Hospital, and several representatives from local and national businesses to kick off the fifth year of the Jobs 100 Program in East Orange.

The event was held at East Orange General Hospital, the site of the largest employer of students of the Jobs 100 Program.

Jobs 100 is an innovative approach to employing local youth. The program was developed in 1990 to link local businesses with East Orange youth to provide youth with meaningful work experiences for the summer months.

"The idea behind Jobs 100 was to provide one job for 100 youth in East Orange," said Mayor Cooper. Cooper also added that "...the outlook for youth in urban cities across this country is dim, in light of recent cuts planned by the Republican Congress and Senate. Now more

than ever before, we must each take an active role to ensure that our young people have something positive to do this summer—and it all begins with you and I."

A component of the Jobs 100 Program is a five-week training program, taught by professionals, that focuses on decision making, strategic development, goal setting, career plans, job seeking skills, and interviewing techniques.

Mark Chastang, president and chief executive officer of East Orange General Hospital and its affiliates stated that East Orange General Hospital is pleased to support the community by participating for the fifth year in the city's Jobs 100 Program.

"The hospital prides itself on being a working partner with the city. Our commitment to the youth of East Orange goes beyond taking care of their health to educating them about possible careers in the health field, as is the case with Deborah Rodd," said Chastang.

## Colleges denounce hate speech

by Sherry Burrus

NEWARK—Sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me?...Not indeed! Indeed language is one our most powerful, hurtful, and insightful forms of communication which can cause mass chaos, as the president of Rutgers University has recently demonstrated.

As a part of World Week '95, a celebration established to present activities that promote understanding and appreciation of differences among people by Rutgers University and NJIT, a public forum was held to tackle the existing, yet rarely touched, issues of racial tension on the college cam-

puses and suggest methods for increasing diversity and multicultural understanding.

"Hate Speech on College Campuses: A Forum and Dialogue Among Students, Faculty and Staff" sparked a wave of debate as Steve Adabato, host of NJIT's Caucus: New Jersey, facilitated the panelist in the Paul Robeson Campus Center at Rutgers University.

"There is a privilege that comes with whiteness. You assume that people have an equal opportunity to speak and that everyone has the same amount of power, but the power relation to some are unjust," said Kimberly L'Anne Podia, one of the seven panelists who is a diversity trained

legal aid, to Edward Zohn also a panelist, from the Rutgers University Law School's Federalist Society.

Podia says if the responsibility of a university "to breed an education of tolerance and dialogue."

"Some universities say 'Oh, no, everyone gets along fine.' The reason they get along fine is because they refused to communicate with each other, but you make the topics taboo when you don't talk about them," said Podia.

Zohn argued that his organization, as well as others, have the right under the First Amendment to publicly state or print their opinions on controversial issues, even if others

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## Community organizations blast budget cuts

by Sandra Wright

NEWARK—At a press conference held at the Newark Public Library on Thursday, April 13 The People's Organization For Progress (POP) along with representatives from several other community groups voiced their outrage and opposition to the federal budget cuts and "Contract with America."

Calling the present conditions a "war on working and poor people," POP chairman Lawrence Hamm stated, "right wing Republican leadership is assaulting the life lines of our communities, slashing summer youth employment, child nutrition, housing heating, education, health care, drug abuse and senior citizen programs. If implemented, these cuts will make the urban poor even more desperate."

Hamm stated that what is so "sick" about the whole thing is that

"they are cutting money that has already been allocated, the money is already there."

As concrete proof of the severe impact that the cuts will have on New Jersey residents, community organization New Jersey Speak Out prepared a document listing all the programs to be affected by the cuts and the dollar amount loss that will be experienced. The information in the document was compiled from press, media, and computer news reports.

Cuts in New Jersey alone include:

■ \$50 million in summer jobs for 15,000 youth for summer '95 and '96.  
■ End to home-heating assistance to 187,000 homes including elderly, disabled and poor.

■ Loss of \$81.3 million in rental assistance vouchers for low income households.

■ Loss of \$46.7 million in public housing modernization funding.

Today, we have white collar gangsters, with the gift of rap who have seized political offices and they have put the whole people, including entire cities under siege...—Maxwell Jahmah, Africa Newark Organization

■ Loss of \$18.5 million in operating subsidies for housing authorities.

■ \$22 million from anti-drug programs and \$3.4 million from the

Goals 2000 program.

■ Removal of surplus Pell Grant.

■ Loss of funds for school construction and lead paint removal, environmental clean ups, food programs for women, infants and children, library construction, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

■ State and local cuts in assistance to adoption and foster care programs.

In a prepared statement delivered by Lydia Barrett of the Urban League of Essex, the organization's national president Hugh B. Price stated that the League is strongly urging Congress to reject the spending cuts and reauthorization propose in the FY1995 Revisions Bill that serve the poor.

"...This nation must not simply walk away from the 39 million Americans living in poverty...This proposed bill would seriously jeopardize our efforts, and wreak havoc on the poor," stated Price in the statement.

Barrett predicted the future for poor Americans as being a 21st century equivalent of slavery. "In effect, these cuts, as they impact education and employment systems, have the potential to push working people and the poor into a 21st century equivalent of slavery. But this time, it will not just be black people; there will be huge numbers of white, brown, yellow and red Americans as well... We must vote or be squashed by this mean-spirited, self-centered political agenda."

According to Fredrica Bey of the Anti-Lynching Campaign, "the

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# PEOPLE

## Knights of Peter Claver to host 57th conference

NEWARK—Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary will hold their 57th Northern District Conference in Newark, at the Radisson Hotel, Newark Airport, April 27-30.

The conference mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Of The Sacred Heart at 8:45 a.m. Clavers will be present in full regalia of the third degree and fourth degree and ladies of grace. Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and Bishop Joseph A. Francis will officiate.

The Knights Of Peter Claver And Ladies Auxiliary was founded in 1909, to carry on the work that was started by Saint Peter Claver who administered to the physical and spiritual needs of slaves arriving in the middle passage. For more information please call Grand Lady Peg Henderson at 201-672-8536.



Pictured from (l-r) Valerie Neal Smith, assistant Jr. daughter counselor, Treva Young, Jr., daughter counselor

## James displays his skills



NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James showed off his basketball skills to Essex County Freshher President Joseph M. DiVincenzo, coordinator of the Newark "Small Fry" Basketball League (2nd from right), Essex County Prosecutor Clifford J. Minor (l) and Essex County Sheriff Armando B. Fontoura (2nd from left), as Bob Lubes, executive director of the national "Small Fry Basketball" organization, looks on. The program was developed to give youngsters ages 9 to 12 and under 5'11" tall a chance to compete. The event is being sponsored by the Newark Board of Education, Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Newark, the North Ward Center, Inc., and Project Pride.

## Community Calendar

ATTENTION—Audition Brochures for the NJ Youth Symphony's 1995-96 music season are now available for youth ages 8 to 18. For more info call 908-771-5544.

PLAINFIELD—Registration is now open for children grades Pre-K thru 7 at Holy Family School. For more info call 908-755-0930.

APRIL THRU MAY 10

PLAINFIELD—Literary Volunteers of America sponsor several Spring Back Training Workshops at Plainfield Public Library on Wednesdays, 6 p.m. For more info call 908-755-7998.

APRIL THRU MAY 11

HACKENSACK—"Making Positive Changes" support group helping women take control over their lives at the Career and Life Counseling Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 201-943-6000, Ext. 3345.

NOW THRU MAY 14

ATTENTION—Five part Nature series "Nomads of the Wind" airs on PBS at 8 p.m.

NOW THRU JUNE 25

MONTCLAIR—Native jewelry making workshop at The Montclair Art Museum. For more info call 201-745-5555.

MONTH OF APRIL

TRENTON—"Echoes From the Past: The Narrative Artistry of Palmer C. Hayden" art exhibit at the NJ State

Museum. For more info call 609-292-5420.

TRENTON—"New Jersey in Time of War" four part series will be held Saturdays at the New Jersey State Museum at 2 p.m. For more info call 908-923-7143.

PLAINFIELD—Music lessons for senior citizens at French School of Music. For more info call 201-745-7087.

APRIL 13 THRU 27

MONTCLAIR—The Urban League of Essex County is offering a Homebuyers Education Course on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Urban League's office in Montclair. Classes run from 6 to 8 p.m. For fees and other information call 201-745-7725.

APRIL 18 - 27

PLAINFIELD—Introductory level WorldPerfect courses at Union County College in Plainfield and Elizabeth from 9 to 11 a.m. For more info call 908-709-7108 or 7600.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

JERSEY CITY—"Healing the Wounds of Incest" lecture at Jersey City State College at 1 p.m. For more info call 201-202-3188.

MONTCLAIR—"Know your sexual rights: Sexual harassment on campus and in the workplace" conference at Montclair State University. For more info call 201-655-4152.

UNION—Women's Chorus and

Chamber Ensemble concert at Kean College at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 908-527-2337.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

HACKENSACK—Open House from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for teens who dropped out of school looking to find their way at Bergen County Technical Schools. For more info call 201-343-6000, ext. 3348.

WESTFIELD—NOW meeting at the YMCA at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 908-964-0311.

APRIL 20, 25

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Board of Education at Plainfield High School at 7 p.m.

APRIL 20 - 23

PLAINFIELD—Book sale at Plainfield Public Library, hours vary. For more info call 908-787-1111.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

LYNDHURST—International Adoption Workshop at St. Michael's Church from 7:30 p.m. For more info call 201-438-9214.

APRIL 21, 22

UNION—Spring-Dance Concert at Kean College at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-499-8226.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

NEWARK—Bus trip to the grave-site of Malcolm X. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. For more info call 201-643-7711.

## COPING

WITH DR. CHARLES FAULKNER

### Inter-racial relationships

Here are excerpts from three letters that I received during the past few weeks. They show the broad range of views that exist regarding inter-racial dating and marriage. Some feel it's alright, others are totally against it.

#1. Dear Dr. Faulkner:

As a black woman I've been looking for an opportunity to address the issue of problems surrounding the black female relationships. I live in Seattle where it's rare to see black male-black female couples. I think every black woman has a strong opinion about this issue.

I don't believe myself to be a racist but the issue of black male-white female has always bothered me. For years I tried to deny this fact but I can't anymore. My problem is that the very same black males who are actively supporting black events, sporting Malcolm X tee shirts, and wearing our African national colors can also be seen sporting a white woman on their arm.

They are, in my opinion, taking away from our culture, because the white women don't add or contribute anything to our heritage. The real problem I have is that I believe that black men are purposely choosing white women for their mates. Our black males prefer to have Caucasian looking children with blond hair and green eyes.

Darker skinned children will become almost obsolete. These children will become confused about their identity and suffer by choosing one race over another. Until this preference that black men have (more than black women) for a white spouse is overcome, the crisis in black male-black female relationship won't begin to heal.

Ms. C., Seattle, Washington

#2. Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I don't see what the big fuss is about inter-racial dating. Several people have written you to argue against black people dating white people. I think that it is hard enough to find a nice person in any race. If two people are happy together, they should enjoy each other's companionship, no matter what their race is. I am an eligible African-American male and I do not tell anyone who they should date. I don't want anyone to tell me who to date, either. I saw a group of African-American women really embarrass an African-American male who was in the company of a white woman. It was a disgusting display of misdirected anger. They should direct their energy to fulfilling their own lives and leave others alone—that goes for both African-American and white people. How would they like somebody to tell them who to date or marry?

Mr. L., New Orleans, Louisiana

#3. Dear Dr. Faulkner:

Four years ago, I met the most wonderful man in the world. We dated for six months, became engaged and got married. We have been happily married ever since. He is African American. I am white. It seems like we were made for each other. We have two of the most beautiful children in the world. I won't deny that we have had our problems, but we give each other strength, so that nothing can tear us apart.

I read your column often and I know that people in both races hate us and want us to fail. But why? Everyone should be so happy and proud that my husband and I found each other. We would not trade our glorious marriage for anything in the world. Not even for a pot of gold. People may hate us, but we will show them only love and respect, always. We will also give this world two of the most beautiful citizens, our children, that will help make this a better world to live in.

Mrs. K., Pontiac, Michigan

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## NATIONAL NEWS at a glance

### Clinton names three to the Social Security advisory board

President Bill Clinton has nominated the following individuals to the Social Security Advisory Board: Senator Harlan Matthews of Tennessee will be appointed Chair of the Advisory Board. Matthews served as a member of the U.S. Senate and has a long and distinguished career in Tennessee state government. Gerald M. Shea of the District of Columbia has been serving as the Executive Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO. And, William Brooks, an Michiganian, is appointed. Brooks is Vice President of Corporate Relations for the General Motors Corporation, Chairman of GM's Contributions Planning Board and Chairman of the GM Foundation. Brooks served as the Assistant Secretary of Labor in the Bush Administration.

### Black Car and Travel spotlight on new offerings

From presentations at the New York International Automobile Show, look for the following new car models to be in local showrooms soon: Ford will introduce a new Taurus SHO for 1996. Chevrolet made its debut with a new, full-sized G-Van and interior of its M-Van for 1996 and Lincoln-Mercury introduced an advanced vehicle security system. Import auto makers introduced: A new Porsche 911 Turbo; Audi's S6 Wagon and Subaru's Legacy GT and CUNY.

### CUNY can demote Leonard Jeffries

An Appeals Court has now ruled that the City University of New York (CUNY) is free to demote black studies professor Leonard Jeffries from the chairmanship of his department, reversing its own earlier ruling that the action has impermissibly punished Dr. Jeffries for constitutionally protected speech. The court reversed itself in light of an intervening Supreme Court decision that gave government employers greater latitude to discipline a speech by employees when that speech might hurt the institution's mission. The ruling handed Jeffries, who has made incendiary remarks about Jews, his last clear defense in a lawsuit that has polarized the college and made him one of the nation's most prominent and controversial figures.

### Black economics

Each year, for every 1,000 African Americans, there are nine business started. But, there are 96 for every 1,000 Asians, 108 for Arabs, and 64 for whites.

### Tyson climbs back, signs deal worth \$200 million

Five days after finishing his prison term, boxer Mike Tyson signed exclusive agreements valued at up to \$200 million with MGM Grand Hotel & Casino and Showtime Networks Inc.'s pay-per-view division. The former heavyweight champion signed a three-year pay-per-view contract with Viacom Inc.'s Showtime, and also agreed to provide on-air commentary for Showtime championship fights. The deal is expected to spawn some of the richest fights in history. The biggest-grossing pay-per-view fight to date was the \$48.9 million Evander Holyfield-George Foreman fight in April 1991.

### Civil Rights activists plead guilty

Three Livingston, Texas teenage white men have pled guilty to conspiring to deprive two blacks of their federally protected civil rights. The incident was a verbal dispute in the Happy Days Tavern Club on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1994. The indictment said, "The defendants believed the Wheelers, as blacks, should not be allowed to socialize with white females at Happy Days and that 'Niggers' did not belong there and that interracial dating should not be tolerated." The defendants sought to settle their dispute with the Wheelers at another location, but when the Wheelers didn't show up, they sought to harm other blacks in hopes of sending a message to the Wheelers. Their efforts resulted in bodily injury to two blacks who had been at the club. The whites now face up to five years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine.

### Former President Jimmy Carter criticized over support of Nigeria's military

A Nigerian pro-democracy group, National Conscience, has berated former U.S. President Jimmy Carter for suggesting that there might be a case for extending military rule in that country beyond 1999. "For a man who hails from a country where military dictatorship cannot be imagined to advise us to tolerate Abacha's military misrule smacks of racial prejudice," said the group in a statement. Carter told journalists after meeting with head of state Gen. Sani Abacha, that January 1996, the deadline that politicians debating a new constitution for Nigeria have proposed for a return to civilian rule, may not be realistic. "I do not think it will be possible for the military to leave by January 1996, but I hope that they should make their stay brief and hand over, at most, a year later," Carter is quoted as saying. A constitutional conference mandated by Abacha to draft a constitution and a timetable for returning the West African nation to democratic rule recommended that the military relinquish power by next January. TransAfrica, an African-American lobbying group, has begun a campaign to isolate the Nigerian regime. It has suggested that the international community impose an oil embargo against Nigeria, a leading petroleum producer, to force the Abacha regime to step down. Carter has said it would be beneficial for Americans interested in Nigeria's future to visit the country before passing judgment on the current political situation.

### Study: Poverty hampers black child development

Atlanta, Ga. (NBN) - Children born to poor, black women are more likely to become mildly retarded than any other segment of the population. According to government researchers at Atlanta's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the culprit is poverty not race. The study counters arguments like those advanced in the controversial best-selling book "The Bell Curve," which suggest that intelligence is racially based. Emory University epidemiologist Carolyn Drews said she found no disproportionate racial difference in children diagnosed as mildly retarded. The study found that children born to poor white women were also more likely to become mildly retarded. CDC Director David Saloner said of the study, "This nation can make a difference in the lives of children by helping to facilitate their early health and learning environments." The CDC has launched an experimental program to help 5,000 high risk children in 10 cities.

### Republican "Contract" to hurt black America

Washington, D.C. (NBN) - As Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives celebrated successes in their legislative agenda known as the "Contract With America" last week, an analysis of some of the new and proposed legislation suggests that African-Americans especially the poor will be severely hurt by the changes being pushed through Congress by the new Republican majority. The analysis by the Washington, D.C.-based National Black News Survey found that the cuts in social programs - especially reductions in welfare - could "plunge hundreds of thousands of low-income blacks deeper into poverty and force large numbers into crime." The Republicans have set the stage for the transfer of welfare programs from the federal government to the states while simultaneously reducing funding for the programs. In order to compensate for the reduced funding, NBN's projects that state governments will force thousands of mothers and their children off the welfare rolls.

### Miami prepares for black wealth building seminar

Miami, FL (NBN) - "Economic empowerment through business ownership and income enhancement is our goal." With those words last week, James W. Nathan, spokesman for the Better Life Club of America, announced a day-long national black wealth building conference which will take place in Miami, Florida on Saturday, April 22. The seminar promises to show blacks how to increase their family incomes and provide help and financial resources for starting home-based and small businesses. Topics range from real estate purchases to multilevel marketing to investment opportunities. The wealth building seminars are sponsored around the nation by the Washington, DC-based economic empowerment group known as the Better Life Club. The Miami conference will take place at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Additional information and registration materials about the Miami and other upcoming wealth conferences can be obtained by calling 1-800-748-1521 (or 202-686-4775 in the Washington, D.C. area).

# Racism prevalent on college campuses

by Dr. Manning Marable  
Throughout the U.S., there has been an upsurge of racism in recent years, characterized by recent attacks against affirmative action and the efforts by the Republican-controlled Congress to reverse programs and policies favoring minorities. But one of the sharpest examples of racial prejudice within society today exists at universities and colleges.

Racial attitudes on American college campuses began to worsen, approximately in the mid-1980s. Across the U.S. there were increasing incidents of what seemed to be racially-motivated, random violence, harassment and intimidation of black, Latino, and Asian American students by whites.

For example, in the spring of 1986, the University of Wisconsin at Madison's chapter of Kappa Sigma fraternity sponsored a party featuring what was termed a "Harlem room." Fraternity members wore black face makeup and Afro-styled wigs. Fried chicken and watermelon were served, and graffiti was painted on the walls.

The following year, also at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity held a "Fiji Island" party which was highlighted by a caricature of a black man with a cone through his nose. In the fall semester of 1988, the University's Zeta Beta Tau fraternity featured a "mock

slave auction," in which members donned Afro-styled wigs and black face makeup. These events at the University of Wisconsin sparked widespread condemnation on the campus as well as throughout the country.

Researchers in race relations began to suspect that these incidents represented a broader, national trend which university officials and law enforcement authorities had largely ignored. In 1987, the Baltimore-based National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence began to collect documented cases of racial harassment and violence against minorities on college campuses. Between the fall semester, 1987 through the fall semester, 1990, about three hundred campuses reported racial incidents.

Just a short list of such incidents are both sickening and shocking.

For example, at the University of Illinois at Chicago, in May 1990, a penis severed from a medical tree cadaver was hung outside the door of an African-American female residence hall counselor.

At the University of Texas at Austin, in April 1990, African-American students protested after one all-white fraternity painted a racist epithet on the trunk of an automobile, and another fraternity printed a racist image on its T-shirts.

At Tokyo's Loretto Heights University in Denver, one dozen Japanese students were harassed, pelted with eggs, and several racist had even urinated in front of them in public.

At Brown University, students received hundreds of misspelled

computer-printed flyers urging them to "keep white supremacy (sic) alive."

At the State University of New York at Oswego in October 1989, racist and anti-Semitic epithets were written in the campus library, the student union building, one dormitory and on the walls of an underground tunnel. White students who felt aggressively hostile to blacks and other minorities soon began to demand the termination of African-American Studies courses and a multicultural curriculum which emphasized diversity and tolerance. They argued that whites had become the "new minorities" on college campuses, and insisted that "reverse discrimination" had relegated them to a second-class status.

At Temple University in Philadelphia, a group of militant whites established the "White Student Union," which claimed for a time 150 members.

At the University of Florida in Gainesville, a group of angry whites established a White Student Union, which called for the abolition of minority scholarship and internship programs. The White Student Union quickly established contacts with Tony Bastanzo, a former Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, to help establish similar groups at campuses across the state.

Today, it is estimated that one out of four minority students becomes a victim of racial harassment, intimidation and/or violence. Wherever I travel across this country, hundreds of African-American students give accounts of instances of racist notes passed under their

dormitory doors, or of white college professors who crack racist jokes in the middle of their lectures.

But in general, patterns of campus racism are not primarily the blatant acts of bigots, or racially motivated random violence. Far more important are the intricate patterns of discrimination which marginalized blacks, Latinos and other students of color in campus life. Student government associations often do not adequately fund programs and events promoting cultural diversity. Deans' offices may give emphasis to minority student recruitment, but often do little to ensure their retention.

The only way to begin to reverse the trend toward racial discrimination is to foster an environment of pluralism and diversity within educational institutions. This includes changes within the curriculum and required courses, reflecting multiculturalism and the full richness of diversity within our society. It means supporting scholarship programs to increase access to college for blacks and Latinos, and increasing the numbers of minority faculty and administrators within white universities. Without vigorous efforts, the prevailing racist stereotypes and prejudices which are being permitted to grow on campuses threaten the prospects for educational equality for African-Americans and other people of color.

Dr. Manning Marable is Professor of History and Director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies, Columbia University, New York City.

## An open letter to Randall Robinson

By Todd Burroughs

WASHINGTON DC—This week's column is an open letter to Randall Robinson, executive director of TransAfrica, a lobbying group for Africa and the Caribbean, from William Reed, NNPA's director of Communications/Operations. With the help of favorable mass media coverage, Robinson has led several successful campaigns for economic sanctions against South Africa in the 1980s and American military intervention in Haiti in the 1990s. Reed writes national news and feature stories for the NNPA in addition to his weekly column, "Business Exchange." Note: The opinions expressed here are solely those of Reed, not of the NNPA.—TSB)

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The purpose of this letter is to publicly discuss the rumblings that increasingly seem to surround you, your efforts and your mission. The rumblings are coming from those segments of the black community who are tired of being represented without being consulted and included.

You now fight to "restore democracy" in Nigeria, where, in your words, an "absolute military dictatorship" has formed. You fight for YOUR view of what this country should be, with the help of several prominent American black political leaders and celebrities. No black publisher is against democracy, but perhaps, one day, black people can have a real, open, public debate on whether or not Western "democracy" is what all people want (or need).

Your fight has carried you into the media spotlight. But not yours, by your choice.

A story told to me by a black reporter, this brother, a freelance writer for a respected national black periodical, was talking to a member of your staff recently when he asked for a back copy of his magazine.

"You don't have a subscription?" he asked. "We can't afford it," she said. Nothing could be more humorous.

TransAfrica—a group with a beautiful headquarters easily the envy of many groups in Washington, DC—can't afford a subscription to a national black magazine, let alone afford five-figure amounts to buy full page ads in The New York Times and The Washington Post, with the purpose of these ads being to lobby for the African diaspora?

TransAfrica is a lobbying organization, not a civil rights group. The question must be asked: to whom are you representing and lobbying, and for whom?

TransAfrica can't afford a black press subscription, but at the same time, can afford NOT to

invile the black press to your press conferences? Many black press publishers have actually been hurt by these issues alive in the black community while white media coverage fades in and out, its attention primarily focused on political, economic or social disaster.

And why can't we all sit down and have a debate on whether 1)

your economic sanctions tactic, albeit successful in South Africa, hurt more than help those citizens in your targeted countries, and 2) whether you rely too much on politics to deal with what are primarily economic concerns?

But, of course, to have these types of discussions would mean that you would have to publicly acknowledge and include as a part-

ner the black press you spoke to at our convention last year—the same black press which you now seemingly ignore.

As legitimate representatives of black America, I'm sure the nation's black newspapers would welcome this opportunity, if extended.

Sincerely,  
William Reed  
NNPA Business Columnist



Ana Ortega-Laboy

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### **Governor's remarks: pattern or mere coincidences?**

Ironically, her limited apologies and inability to see the impact of these actions are defining her more and more. The pattern is beginning to look like one that employs race as a trump card to win elections or garner support on issues in New Jersey. Are these consistent patterns of behavior or mere coincidences? Only time will tell.

## The war rages on

Who with the current atmosphere in this country would suggest that racism does not exist, that

## Afri

That was a disturbing, depressing and demeaning stereotypical portrait of life among poorly edu-

But this does not mean they are

This is a signal to me that more of the church's attention needs to be diverted to young men on the way to adulthood. The governor is planning new strategy on dealing with juvenile behavior and could be motivated by this new attack on her sensitivity to focus on the problem of parenting for teenage fathers. Turning a negative into a positive is a good thing to do.

# African-Americans will survive

The principal point of Jackson's article is that we as a people should not give up and grow bitter, no matter how bad things get. I share Rev. Jackson's concern, particularly in view of the mean-spirit-

Black and brown people have suddenly found ourselves rather isolated in the wake of the 1994 landslide victory by a Republican Party which seems to view us as merely convenient scape-goats and

Sooner or later, a majority of the American electorate, hopefully responding to enlightened national

## The Republican Presidential 'gang of nine'

Senators. Lugar and Specter both represent the "moderate wing" of the now-arch-conservative party and are both "moderately boring" in their demeanor, while Rep. Dornan is an obnoxious, loud-mouthed, "rhetorical grenade" waiting to explode all over the GOP in a fractious, insensitive tirade such as he frequently delivers on the floor of the House. He was even expelled from Congress for a day, when he said President Clinton gave "aid and comfort to the enemy," by his

Mr. Buchanan challenged incumbent Republican George Bush

There has been a dramatic shift in white American attitudes since 1992. Today, instead of thinking, as President Clinton successfully convinced the voting public in 1992 that: "It's the economy, stupid," Whites now overwhelmingly think (even if they never, ever admit it): "It's the blacks, damn it!"

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## KIDS CALENDAR

**PLAINFIELD**—Day Camp for youth with developmental disabilities. For more info contact The Arc of Union County at 908-754-2509.

**MORRISTOWN**—Summer classes will be held at Morristown-Bear School from June to August for grades 5 thru 12. For a brochure or more info call 201-539-3532.

**CRANFORD**—Eight Summer Sports Camp sessions for youth 8 - 15 sponsored by Union County College and Union County Div. of Parks and Rec. For more info call 908-709-7602.

### MONTH OF APRIL

**METUCHEN**—Free to be ... You and Me! will be performed at 1 p.m. For more info call 908-648-6562.

**JERSEY CITY**—Computer workshops for youth 6-9 will be offered at Jersey City State College. For more info call 201-800-3089.

**NEW YORK**—Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus will appear at the Meadowlands Arena. For tickets call 201-507-8900 or 212-907-7171.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

**PLAINFIELD**—Stories and activities for ages 5 and up at Plainfield Public Library. For more info call 908-757-1111.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20

**WESTFIELD**—"Ice Cream Social" from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension for youth 7 to 12. For more info call 908-644-9854.

### APRIL 20, 27

**PLAINFIELD**—Children's film program at 3:30 p.m. at Plainfield Public Library. For more info call 908-757-1111.

### NOW THRU APRIL 21

**EAST ORANGE**—Free swim lessons at the YMCA for youth 5 - 15 from 9 a.m. to noon for beginner and advance swimmers. REGISTRATION IF FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. For more info call 201-673-5588.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

**JERSEY CITY**—"MacKidds" computer workshop for youth 6 - 12 at Jersey City State College. For more info call 201-207-3089.

**NEW YORK**—Kids celebrate Earth Day by making flower baskets to grow their own plant to take home at the Fraunces Tavern Museum from 12 to 4 p.m. For more info call 212-425-1778.

## Science High School students win big in debate and science fair competition

**NEWARK**—Newark's Science High School students flaunted their academic ability, and swept the Lincoln and Douglas Debate State Championship title for the thirteenth consecutive year. Meanwhile, another team of Science scholars performed excellently, winning 1st and 2nd place in the North Jersey Regional Science Fair for the fourth time.

The undefeated top speaker in the debate tournament, varsity champion Brian Bloom, won the final round against Randolph High School on a 3-0 decision.

Nadir Joshua, 1995 state novice champion, said, "I used to be shy and could not always express what I felt, and debate has helped me grow so much."

Wendy Bozolasco and Horacio Oliveira, also claimed 1st place novice state championships. Belinda Pereira and Jameelah Williams won 2nd place in the same division.

Jose Caceres, top winner and state co-champion in the Policy

it wasn't for debate, he might not be in school today. "Learning has never been more gratifying," said Jose.

David Murray, Jose Russa and Giannys Caceres share 1st-place state co-championships, and Michael Wiley and Yanira Acevedo won 3rd-place slots.

Junior varsity 2nd-place winners are Nagarani Remasubraminiam and Audil Perez. Pristina Jones and Anderson Priester shared 3rd-place.

Nicole Barcliff, Science High varsity debate member said, "Debate has shown me that education is limitless and no one can ever gain too much knowledge."

Teacher and debate team founder Brent Farrand, set out to prove that a competitive debate team could exist in an urban school district.

"Newark's kids are extremely competent and dedicated. When they are in action, it destroys stereotypes and shows that students can out-think anyone if they are given

Another team of Science High students also celebrated their triumph in the recent North Jersey Regional Science Fair. Murray Hill Science Club of AT&T, Bell Laboratories in New Jersey sponsored this annual science competition where more than 120 projects were judged, including seven from Science High School.

Winning entries include: 1st place: Michael Barker, Material Science; Ana Perdigoto, Behavioral Sciences; and Jose Franco, Best Home-Built Apparatus. Second place went to: Robyn Brown, Chemistry; Michael Barker, Environmental Science and U.S. Army; and Jose Franco and Gerardo Jovan, U.S. Army.

Other winners include Robyn Brown, Ploymer Award; Chantelle Braithwaite, Kodak Award; and Michael Barker, Energy Award.

The NASA Award Jr. division winners were Michael Barker, Aparicio Luo and Khaalis Finney.

NASA Sr. division winners: Jose Franco and Gerardo Jovan. NAVY Awards Jr. Division winners: Ana Perdigoto and Michael Barker.

Honorable Mention Awards for Computing and Engineering: Jose Franco and Gerardo Jovan. International Science and Engineering Fair 3rd-place: Ana Perdigoto. Fourth-place: Michael Barker. And Third Alternate Trip: Ana Perdigoto. All awards included cash, savings bonds, calculators and photography supplies.

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## East Orange police officers donate games for kids



**EAST ORANGE**—East Orange police officers Tyrone Reynolds and William Moore (front) through a fund-raiser, recently presented portable basketball hoops, jump ropes and basketballs to youngsters in the Ampere section of the city. Officer Reynolds, joined by Officer Moore and other community activist created the Unity in the Community anti-violence campaign in the Ampere Section of the city and are active participants in the Ampere Preservation Program. Also joining in the festivities were Knadya May of the East Orange Department of Policy, Planning and Development and community activist Jerome Burwell. Both Moore and Reynolds, are stationed in the city's fifth ward and the Ampere Section.

## Girl Scouts hold open house

**WESTFIELD**—The public is invited to a Girl Scouts Open House at Camp Lou Henry Hoover in Middleville, New Jersey on Sunday, April 23 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Tours of the 328-acre camp will be offered and camp staff will be on hand to answer questions. The Sussex County outdoor program site is owned and operated by Washington Rock Girl Scout Council and is the location for the Council's summer sleep away camp

which will be offered for six weeks from July 9 to August 19.

Camp Hoover's summer schedule will include 16 specialized programs geared to girls ages and interests. Included in the activities will be boating and swimming on Swartswood Lake, horseback riding, gymnastics, outdoor skills, arts and crafts, and more.

For directions or camp brochures, call the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Service Center at 908-232-3236.

## Chemical invites students to join the debate

**EAST BRUNSWICK**—There is no debating it: Research, communication and problem-solving skills are essential for today's students and tomorrow's work force. Now, New Jersey public high school students can develop these skills and earn prizes by signing up for Chemical Bank New Jersey's fourth annual Lincoln-Douglas Debate Competition.

The initial debates through semi-finals will be held all day on May 12 at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. The finals will be held at 7 p.m. on May 24 at New Jersey Network's television studio in Trenton, and then broadcast in prime time at a later date.

This year, students will argue the very timely and controversial topic, "Resolved: Today's news media serve the best interest of the American public."

"Debating teaches students to research, communicate and develop strong positions on some of society's most important issues. These critical skills will enable our future leaders to pursue careers and not just jobs," said Chemical's Edward McCabe, senior vice president and director, human resources.

Each winning team member receives \$500, a Lincoln-Douglas Debates jacket and consideration for a summer job with Chemical Bank New Jersey. The winning

school is awarded \$250 and the silver "Chem Cup" trophy. All other students who enter the competition receive savings bonds or monetary awards in various amounts, up to \$250, depending on how far they advance.

The competition is open to public high schools statewide and is free to enter. The deadline for sign-up is May 5, but teams typically begin preparing their arguments several months ahead.

An informational video on the program is available. For details, to register or to inquire about rules or training, please contact Eugene Coladareci at 908-220-3330.

## Fishing derby scheduled for May

**PLAINFIELD**—The city's 34th Annual Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Cedarbrook Park Pond in Plainfield.

The contest is open to Plainfield boys and girls, ages five through thirteen years old. Prizes will be presented to those youngsters catching the largest fish in each of three designated age groups.

A gift certificate for the purchase of a bicycle will be awarded as a grand prize for the largest fish caught by either boy or girl. Fishing equipment will be awarded for first, second, and third place winners in each of the 5-7, 8-10, and 11-13 age groups.

The event is co-sponsored by the Plainfield Division of Recreation and Stone Square Lodge #38 F&A M.P.H.A.

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## Religious Calendar

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

SCOTCH PLAINS—Joshua performs at the Times Coliseum at 7 p.m. For info call 908-755-6956.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

EAST ORANGE—"March for Jesus" organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Church of God, Inc. For more info call 201-643-4668.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

RAHWAY—Soul Brothers Production second annual gospel show at the Union County Arts Center at 6 p.m. For more info call 908-499-0441 or 201-981-4955.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

NEWARK—Gospel Extravaganza and dinner, featuring the St. Rocco School Children of God Choir at St. Rocco School at 5 p.m. For more info call 201-622-0420.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

EAST ORANGE—"March for Jesus" event. For more info or to be part of the March for Jesus Choir call 201-643-4668.

## Apology

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should be used to foster harmony among New Jersey's many cultural and ethnic groups. Instead, the Governor's own rhetoric is playing to racial stereotypes, causing further divisions and perpetuating social ills. Unfortunately, this is not the first example of insensitivity, but it certainly hope that it is the last," stated Bryant.

Senator Bryant, whose laws promoted greater family responsibility on the part of both the welfare mother and natural father, wrote that governor Whitman's apology "should be extended without hesitation to the welfare community, the African-American community and in particular the African-American male community."

"As the governor prepares to embark on an overseas trip, this is the wrong message about New Jersey to bring to England. Perhaps the governor should consider staying home and sensitizing herself to the ramifications of her words and policies on New Jersey's culturally-diverse population," said Senator Bryant.

## Organizations band for environmental justice

NEWARK—One of the nation's hottest environmental agendas is sparking an economic revitalization in many of New Jersey's inner cities. Four organizations across the state have teamed up with the Greater Newark Conservancy to fight against environmental discrimination and bring economic revitalization to New

Jersey's urban centers.

The Conservancy is launching a massive state-wide program to organize and spark communication among community-based environmental organizations, urban dwellers, communities of color and lower income neighborhoods. The New Jersey Environmental Foundation, Baykeeper, NY/NJ

Harbor, Children's Community Garden, and the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission Environment Center have joined the Conservancy's environmental outreach program.

Headed by the GNC, these organizations are implementing plans to filter back into the state's major urban centers including

Newark. Camden areas along the Jersey coast, and Hudson and Bergen Counties among others to stimulate their economic future.

In the Newark area, citizens are concerned about contaminated fish and crabs taken from the waterways of the city without understanding or being aware of state-issued health advisories. Baykeeper proposes to initiate an information network to inform these fishermen of the health hazards associated with fishing and crabbing in Newark Bay and the Passaic River. The project will focus on an ethnic groups and incomes, specifically targeting non-English speaking and low income residents who may not be aware of the advisories.

The Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission Environment Center plans to offer an Environment Convocation focusing on the solid waste issues affecting the urban environment. Targeted at the urban communities of Hudson and Bergen Counties, HMDCC hopes to increase environmental awareness, increase technical comprehension and promote community interest in local solid waste issues for students and adults.

The "Lead Prevention-Waste Reduction" will focus on Camden City and County and Essex County and includes a massive public information campaign on cost effective and environmental sound solid waste and land use management alternatives.

The New Brunswick Children's Community Garden Program is introducing school-based gardening and environmental education programs to the two communities that comprise New Brunswick's Public Housing. This project will work with the local teachers and principals at local schools to implement a hands-on education program, including a field trip program to New Jersey's natural areas.

Each of the participating groups has developed a one-year plan to establish guidelines and objectives for their project over the next year. In addition to bringing the groups together, the Greater Newark Conservancy offers assistance to each agency in areas of planning, management, strategic development, fundraising and organizing. For more information on the environmental justice outreach program, contact Moritz at 201-642-4646.

## Newark gets national award for city-wide recycling program

NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James recently announced that the City of Newark's recycling program has won the "1995 Public Service Excellence Award," a national award from the Public Employees Roundtable.

Newark, chosen from over 100 nominees, received the award in the city category for its outstanding recycling program.

Mayor James will accept the award for the City of Newark at a "Breakfast of Champions" in Washington, DC on Tuesday, May 2, during the 10th annual celebration of public Service Recognition Week. Members of Congress also will be on hand to honor the winners.

"I am extremely happy that the City of Newark has received this important recognition," said James. "Newark has been deeply committed to preserving the planet's environment for many years, and we strongly encourage recycling."

The award is presented to one federal, state, county and city government who has made noteworthy contributions either "on a sustained basis or through a single exceptional deed," according to the Public Employees Roundtable.

Newark's multi-faceted recycling program won the award from the Public Employees Roundtable because the City has recycled more than 50 percent of its waste, has

attended nearly 80 recycling firms to locate in the City, has established recycling buyback center and has set up a recycling education program.

Newark's recycling program has published "Second Chances: The Planet Newark Guide to Donating Unwanted Goods" so that citizens may donate everything from greeting cards to used shoes to the city's charitable organizations. "This is to encourage people to allow old items to be re-used, rather than thrown away," James explained.

"Recycling is the way of the future, and we will have no future if we all do not make recycling an automatic part of our everyday lives."

## Paterson Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition receives 1995 grant

PINE BROOK—The North Jersey Chapter of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation has announced a 1995 community grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Paterson Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition, Inc.

The grant was used to fund a health fair at Eastside High School in Paterson on April 11 which focused on education and developing healthy lifestyles.

Passaic County and the City of Paterson face many challenges in its efforts to improve infant and maternal health. According to the Kids Count New Jersey 1994 report

published by the Association for Children of New Jersey, Passaic County ranked 20 out of 21 counties based on the rate of all live births resulting per prenatal care; 17 out of 21 counties based on the rate of low birthweight births, a key indicator of newborn health and survival; and 13 out of 21.

The coalition hopes it was successful in attracting teens and providing them with information, tools, education and access to community resources, so when it comes time to make "tough lifestyle choices," the students make the right choices.

The long-term goals of the fair include reducing the chance of teen or unplanned pregnancy, the risk of HIV infections and STDs (sexually transmitted diseases); inadequate or no prenatal care; as well as premature delivery and low birthweight babies.

The March of Dimes identified the Paterson Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies program as a strong candidate for grant funding because of the program's objectives which include reducing high risk behaviors among adolescents and among teenagers, which predispose them to unhealthy lifestyle choices.

## State takes over

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of the district. The first is to "stop the state from coming in because we know it's not in the best interest of our kids. We must challenge them on all levels."

"The second plan we need to address is the in-house problems that got us in this position in the first place. The current administration is on its third reform plan. But to expect the community to [accept] it is impossible because we have already given them three chances."

Dr. Walton said she will not embrace the state, however, since it controls 80 percent of Newark's money for the education budget, it is the only entity that is right now capable of cleaning out the Newark school system.

"I will not embrace the state until they show good faith with the citizenry of Newark. Those individuals who sit on the advisory board must be from the citizenry and must not hold political strings or ties to any other issue here and they must be solely for the children."

"If the state does not let us fully participate in the decision-making for our children then we need to close the school system down. We need to file a law suite against Newark and the state and bring them to their knees until they do what is right," stated Walton.

Walton also stated that the demise of the district came from the fact that parents were misin-

formed, they were not given sufficient information on the going on in the system and some parents brought into the political system of jobs and nepotism. "We advocated our rule over our children's future."

Jackson stated that the present superintendent and staff are competent. The current administration of the state will appoint a new superintendent, who, for 60 to 90 days will have total authority over the district, and can abolish any department in which he or she feels is unnecessary.

When asked about the appeal that the district might file Dr. Walton stated, in conviction, "I hope they have learned their lessons from Jersey City and Paterson because when they had the option to file an appeal and they did not."

"Newark's board will file the appeal because this public school has already given law firm Brown and Brown over a million dollars and they will continue to get paid. However, I don't believe the appeal will succeed."

Dr. Walton noted that the does not think that the state wants to take over the Newark education system, "but it's a mess, it's going to take a while to get it sorted out including the clergy, residents and state to come together and find a viable plan, but there is no other alternative and the appeal could take days, weeks or months."

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## Let's discuss

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because of these incidents.

Now comes this latest controversy. The reaction of many black political leaders and clergy have been of outrage and allegations of racism, in which I fully understand. It seems that whenever a white political leader, talk show host or other public medium wants to give an example of something negative, they always use statistics regarding blacks. Whether its welfare, poverty, crime, education, blacks are always cited as the example of the problem. We are tired of it.

While I do understand the anger of black political leaders and my colleagues in the clergy, I strongly disagree with those who accuse the governor of racism and believe she intended to denigrate black males. Surely, the governor should have given more than one example or better yet not one that used a specific race. The governor herself has acknowledged this and apologized. We should accept what I believe was a sincere mistake.

What has been overlooked in this controversy, is that the governor was explaining the sensitivity that we face in dealing with problems in our communities. Recently at a

press conference at the State House, I discussed welfare reform and pointed out that numerically there are more whites on welfare. Am I a racist because as a black I used an example that dealt with whites?

No, I was simply pointing out some problems and factors that must be addressed as we seek to reform the welfare system. This is what I believe the governor was doing—raising a factor that must be considered in welfare reform. Does it make her a racist because she used an example that dealt with blacks? No, it doesn't.

As tired as I am of blacks always being used as the negative example of many of our social ills, I am equally as tired of blacks not facing up to and not confronting our problems and getting angry when others raise them. This is going on in both the black and white communities. We must remember, whatever the race we are also a nation. Welfare, teenage pregnancy and poverty are national problems, involving every race. We need to check our sensitivities, be respectfully toward each other and frankly and honestly discuss and deal with these national issues.

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## ARTZ WEDNESDAY

## AHN to air 'Stormy Weather'

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## MONTH OF APRIL

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NEW BRUNSWICK—NJ Symphony Orchestra's Awards Concert of the 1985 Young Artist Auditions at 8 p.m. at the State Theater. For more info call 1-800-ALLEGRO.

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APRIL 21, 22, 28, 29  
MONTCLAIR—"Endzone," a play, at the YWCA-North Essex at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-746-7187.

APRIL 21 THRU MAY 21  
NEW YORK—"Blues Train," a musical play on Fridays (7:30 p.m.), Saturdays (2, 7:30 p.m.), and Sundays (3 p.m.) at the National Black Theater. For more info call 212-722-3800.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22  
NEWARK—Third Annual Benefit concert for Teranta in Action from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Essex College. For more info call 201-344-7210.

NEW YORK—The African Heritage Movie Network (AHN), hosted by Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, will broadcast the musical

classic film "Stormy Weather" which features Lena Horne, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson and Cab Calloway.



Stormy Weather airs on AHN starring (l-r) Mr. Bojangles, Lena Horne and Cab Calloway

African Globe Theatre presents  
'Sisters of Survival'

NEWARK—African Globe TheatreWorks is hosting a performance of "Sisters Of Survival" a one-woman piece that expresses the voices of survival of African-American women. These voices are experiences taken from a number of pieces written by or about women of African descent.

The performance combines poetry, monologues, song and audio visuals to evoke the essence of the black woman's call for help, their ancestor's voice of strength and the power of spiritual deliverance.

The One-woman piece will be performed by Kim Anderson who

originated the multiple roles in this work. "Sisters Of Survival" is directed by Karla Lambert and produced by Kaba Okai-Davies.

Kim Anderson has appeared in several productions such as "Voices Of Women", "Black On Black College" in New York. She was an actress in residence with the Ensemble Theatre Company for seven years, where she performed in such productions as "Richard III", and "She Who Weeps".

The play will be presented at the African Globe Studio Theatre, on April 28 & 29th at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 201-624-1584.

The movie will air on WABCTV at 12:05 a.m. on Thursday, April 20.

"Having Stormy Weather as our April movie reminds me of the old saying that April showers bring May flowers because so many careers bloomed from this film," said Ruby Dee.

Stormy Weather (1943) stars legendary entertainers Lena Horne, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson and Cab Calloway. The film focuses on the

romance between Bojangles and Selma who is played by Lena Horne. The main attractions are the musical and dance performances featuring artists like Cab Calloway, Fats Waller, Ada Brown, Florence Miller, The Katherine Dunham Dance Troupe and a particularly amazing performance by the Nicholas Brothers.

At the time Stormy Weather was filmed, Bojangles was nearing the end of an extraordinary career

as a tap dancer and sidekick to Shirley Temple. Stormy Weather, says Ossie Davis, "allowed Bojangles an opportunity to play a romantic lead."

"Stormy Weather" is fairly simple and standard, it reminds us that part of the struggle for a more humane representation of blacks in film must include images of love and partnership between Black men and Black women," adds Dee.

The Newark Museum Presents Project 4:  
William T. Williams, 1970 and Today

NEWARK—The Newark Museum is hosting an exhibition of "Project 4: William T. Williams, 1970 and Today" in the North Wing Contemporary Artists Gallery. The show is the fourth in the Projects Series, small-scale exhibitions designed to study issues in contemporary art and will run through August 13.

The Newark Museum has put together a number of Williams' first mature works. They rank among the most powerful abstract painting from the late 1960's and early 1970's; yet many have not been seen since they were made, although there have been several exhibitions of Williams' work in recent years.

"These early works rank among the most powerful geometric abstractions made in the 1960s and we're pleased to be able to reassemble them for this exhibition," says Painting and Sculpture Curator Joe Jacobs.

In the beginning of the 1970's, Williams' early geometric abstract painting epitomized contemporary art for many people. His 1969 Elbert Jackson, L.A.M.F. was



Project 4: William T. Williams: 1970 and Today, March 15-May 14, 1995. Artist: William T. Williams 1942

prominently hung in the lobby of The Museum of Modern Art. It was the first thing visitors saw upon entering this temple of Twentieth-Century art and it seemed to embody the period's ardent faith in the superiority of abstraction.

Williams will speak on his work in the Gallery on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the Engelhard Court. Jacobs will also conduct gallery talks on the Williams exhibition on Sunday, May 14 at 1:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 1, at 12:30 p.m. For more information call 201-596-6550.

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## Gingrich

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respect" (Dred Scott), "separate but equal" (Plessy v. Ferguson), and ongoing discrimination, is unbefitting of a history professor.

To equate this history with the history of the Irish, the Polish, the Jews, the Italians or any of the other immigrant groups is beyond callous and distorted. To erase this history, to deny this reality, is simply to propagate a racist myth and to operate from a racist premise—which is not a long distance from being an out-and-out racist. [The only exception to this is Native Americans, a people who experienced genocide on their own continent.] This level of ignorance from the Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives, who is just two heartbeats away from the presidency, is dangerous.

On "Face The Nation" last week, Bob Schieffer again asked Newt about affirmative action. His response, "well, I draw a real distinction, Bob, between helping individuals—which I think we should do... But I think anything which is based on a genetic code where there's an automatic set-aside, an automatic quota where we're not dealing with you as an individual, but we're now dealing with you as some kind of class structure, I think is frankly un-American.

"I think America is a country where we are endowed by our creator as individuals with certain inalienable rights. It's not a question of us being endowed as a block grant, where we have to find out, 'Who was your grandmother? Who was your great-grandmother? How do you fill the forms?' And I think that's a big mistake."

Schieffer: I take it the basis of your preference programs, if that's what you want to call them, would be based on economic need.

Gingrich: Yes, I think any American who's poor, whether they're white, black, Hispanic, or American Indian or Asian, if you are poor we need to help you, because we want all Americans to be in the middle class."

Newt says he's a revolutionary. Until this last statement on "Face The Nation," there were doubts. But this should prove it to all the world—no poor people, no rich people, only middle class people. That should prove that Newt is a genuine revolutionary.

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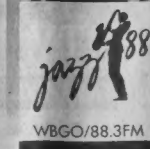
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**PLAINFIELD**—Minority Businesses, Making Bids and the "Topper's Project" meeting at the Plainfield Public Library at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 908-753-2131.

**MONTCLAIR**—Trade Financing: For exporters only seminar at Montclair State University. For more info call 201-645-3830 or 646-5950.

**WILMINGTON**—Moving MBE Programs Into The 21st Century at the Hanover Marriott from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**NEWARK**—Regional Business Partnership's breakfast and exhibit at the NJ Historical Society from 8:30 to 10 a.m. For more info call 201-242-6237.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20

**BRIDGEWATER**—Gender Differences in Business Communications' Small Business Council Breakfast from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m. at Jack O'Connor's.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21

**RUTHERFORD**—Graphic Plus '95 exposition and conference from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 201-800-243-9774 for directions call 201-330-7773.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

**NEWARK**—Saturday Seminar for Minority Entrepreneurs from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Essex County College.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23

**NEW YORK**—World of Opportunity: Seminar for Minority Entrepreneurs seminar. Sponsored by the American Association of Minority Businesses. For info call 1-800-381-2222.

### MONDAY, APRIL 24

**CHICAGO**—American Management Association's "Fundamentals of Marketing: Your action plan for success" seminar at the AMA Management Center. For more info or to register call 1-800-262-9699.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 25

**NEW YORK**—Successful, Business to Business Product Management seminar at the AMA Headquarters, 135 W. 50th St. For more info call 1-800-262-9699.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

**NEW YORK**—Marketing Major League... on a minor league budget conference at the PricewaterhouseCoopers Center from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For more info call 212-573-2385.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 27

**NEWARK**—Regional Business Partnership's International Business Over Business: Doing Business in China and Hong Kong—The Bankers Perspective from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at The Newark Club, 22nd St. For more info call Eric Vicioso at 201-242-6237, Ext. 220.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

**CRAWFORD**—"Managerial Techniques" seminar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Coachman. For more info call 908-756-3636.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 29

**NEW YORK**—Building the Sustainable Economy Conference at the NY Vista Hotel. Call 212-226-7171.

## New financing initiative announced for NJ small businesses

TRENTON—A new effort to increase federal financing for New Jersey's small businesses has been introduced by Commerce Commissioner Gualberto (Gil) Medina.

The initiative sets up a structure that will help the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) access loan funds made available through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)'s Section 504 loan program, according to Commissioner Medina.

The effort will be spearheaded through the reorganized Corporation for Business Assistance in New Jersey (CBA), a nonprofit arm of the EDA created solely to process loan applications for the SBA program. Qualified borrowers that plan to invest in equipment or real estate can get loans from \$50,000 to \$750,000 at below market fixed interest rates through the SBA program.

"The EDA has done an outstanding job in opening up opportu-

nities for small businesses to get financing through the private sector. Now, we're taking advantage of its expertise to open the doors to federal funding that is available but has been underutilized in New Jersey," the Commissioner noted.

EDA Chairman Anthony R. Coscia, who also serves as CBA Chairman, noted that most banks and the business community in New Jersey are more familiar with the EDA, which has achieved more than \$10 billion in financing, than with the CBA's SBA program.

"We want to bring this level of activity and recognition to the CBA. The SBA loan program has been very successful in other states but it hasn't established a foothold in New Jersey," Coscia noted. "We need to change that by getting the word out that this is a good avenue for lending activities by the banks wanting to do transactions and for the borrowers looking for the least expensive way to finance a deal."

"The SBA 504 program can

cover the gap in financing between what the bank is willing to provide and the equity that the business has available. This makes it a good mechanism for getting a financing deal done," added Coscia.

To underscore the commitment to this new effort by all the participants whose support is needed to make it work, the EDA held a meeting in Trenton with SBA District Director Francisco Marrero and the CBA members. The members, who have been drawn from the public and private sectors, are individuals with economic development expertise through their association with the banking industry, business development and professional organizations, or through successful business ventures.

EDA Executive Director Karen S. Franzini outlined the steps that EDA is taking to make the program work in New Jersey.

I. Assignment of two EDA loan officers, essentially serving as SBA loan specialists, to process all

loan applications submitted under the program.

2. A marketing effort targeting banks with which EDA has other financing relationships to encourage their participation in the program.

4. Matching the 504 program with other EDA lending programs to increase the amount of loans that are made.

3. Creation of a network of SBA-certified associated development corporations to prescreen potential applicants and serve as a source of referrals.

SBA Director Marrero expressed his support for New Jersey's initiative, noting that recent changes at the SBA should also make it easier to make loans in New Jersey. SBA has streamlined its products, cut down on paperwork and is bringing its programs more in step with the needs of the small business community, according to Marrero. He sees the CBA initiative as part of a new era of cooperation between the EDA and the SBA in

offering programs that serve small businesses in New Jersey.

Banking Commissioner Elizabeth Randall, who is a CBA member, also expressed her support, saying, "It is helpful to see what banks in New Jersey are doing to provide loans to small businesses and support community economic development. I'm encouraged by these efforts."

This is the way a typical SBA 504 transaction works: the borrower contributes 10 percent to the project cost; a SBA subsidized loan is provided at below market rates for up to 40 percent, not to exceed \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 of the project cost; and a financial institution provides the remaining 50 percent. The 504 portion is made for up to 20 years for real estate and 10 years for equipment and is fully guaranteed by the SBA.

For more information on the 504 program in New Jersey, call 609/292-1800 and ask for the Commercial Lending Division.

## Colleges speak out

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ers perceive them as racist.

"The knee-jerk reaction when people are upset about things that are demonstrably nasty is to try to legislate it out of existence... You can't make procedural solutions to problems that are really fundamentally moral," said Zohn.

Another panelist, Dr. Clement Price, professor of African-American history at Rutgers University, says there is a larger question we should be looking into and offered his assessment of why racial tension exists on college campuses.

"For many, College represents the first time they (students) are leaving their families, churches, neighborhoods to find themselves in a public arena in which stability and a degree of tolerance is absolutely essential... the question is, is there a viable lifestyle for someone who is

a bigot in an environment that absolutely involves tolerance?" asked Price.

The discussion heated when another member of the Federalist Society, Michael Von Ohlen, gave the overall view point of the organization and spoke of their publication's, *The Federalist*, approaches to sensitive issues. Price and Harold Ferguson, a panelist Legal Aid, challenged Ohlen's advice as to how to handle the topic of affirmative action.

"(We are) an organization of conservative-libertarian students that believe the judiciary should not seek to make its own law, but simply interpret law as it was written in the constitution."

"We through our publication attempt to create dialogue and discuss few points that are taboo and because the subjects are taboo, any-

thing that we say is considered hate speech," said Von Ohlen citing his views on affirmative action as an example of a taboo subject.

"The debate about affirmative action should simply be discussed openly without the name calling..." added Ohlen when he was interrupted by Price.

"There are certain things that do not deserve to be sanitized and one is the particular plight that blacks, Latinos or women have been under to the point that affirmative action is an emotional issue having a public policy issue," said Price.

Price says because affirmative action is an emotional issue to minorities it should not just be seen as a public policy but as a "profound historical issue having to deal with racial injustice..."

Von Ohlen, who believes the terms racist and bigot are "blodded

terms that are thrown around to silence view points that many people aren't listening to," disagreed with Price, and rebutted, "...Why should anything be above sanitizing?" Ohlen.

Ferguson's responses to Ohlen was, "You categorize the Federalist Society as wanting to engage in an open dialogue... You're really not interested in open dialogue but rather presenting your view point and you're not looking for a response."

When a university faculty member asked the members of the Federalist party if "using the 'N' word to describe blacks and the 'S' word for describing Latinos?" as they have done in the past, was considered hate speech, Zohn response, "The world is not always a pleasant place... Hate speech is in the ear of the beholder," generated a series of hisses from the crowd.

According to Price racial tension on the Newark campus has diminished, however several students, who voiced their concerns from both sides of the arena, disagreed.

Maged Hanna, a senior, says blacks and Latinos are often the only group on campus whose cries of racism are heard while other ethnic groups' whimpers are being overlooked.

Tawana Murphy former editor-in-chief of the university's newspaper *The Observer* reminded the audience the reasons blacks continue to cry out.

"I have received threatening anonymous letters, for being (an African-American) editor and for presenting issues of African-Americans in the paper, with extremely threatening language... It just isn't fair," said Murphy.

## Survive Budget cuts

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members of the Campaign do not believe for one minute that we can or have the desire to change the mind of one who takes food from the mouth of children and Medicaid from seniors. All civilized societies protect the young and old. All civilized societies educate their children."

Bay noted that there is enough food, clothing and shelter for each and every man, woman, and child in the world. And also enough money and resources to educate each student who desires education.

"Only the greedy people, never the needy people think that the Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom has the power to create the vastness of the universe and would create a planet-earth, that would be lacking in anything at all. What manner of man is this that has truly demonstrated former President Reagan's slogan, 'meaner than a barnyard dog,'" stated Bay.

Maxwell Jumah of Africa Network Organization challenged Congress to re-submit a new contract for America that will undo its "Contract with America."

I publicly challenge New Gingrich to come to Newark, New Jersey and explain to people how his contract is going to help them. Just like drug dealers who have seized neighborhoods and put them under a siege of terror, today, we have white collar gangsters, with the gift of rap who have seized political offices

and they have put the whole people, including entire cities under siege..." said Jumah.

Organization representatives applauded vigorously and cheered as Jumah stated that citizens should let leaders know that "they were not elected to live fat and arrogantly on misery, while Washington continues to put the squeeze on our institutions of last resort. We are tired of the political lectures..."

Another member of an involved community group who was present to voice its opposition was Officer De Lacy Davis of Black Cops against Police Brutality (B-CAP). Davis seemed determined to get his point across as he read a prepared statement from B-CAP.

"The so-called 'Contract with America' is a contract on America—black America, Latino America and poor White America. This is poor, poor America. The [Contract] is a declaration of war on our Africa village..." Davis said.

Davis noted that if Head start is cut, then some children will not have a "start." And if women, infants and children programs along with school lunches are cut many children will be hungry, therefore, they will not learn at school.

On Wednesday, April 26 All the organizations will be participating in a rally outside the Federal Building to further protest the budget cuts.

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Newark City Subway Maintenance Facility	2.0
Land Acquisition and Design	4.0
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Hunter Construction Construction	3.2
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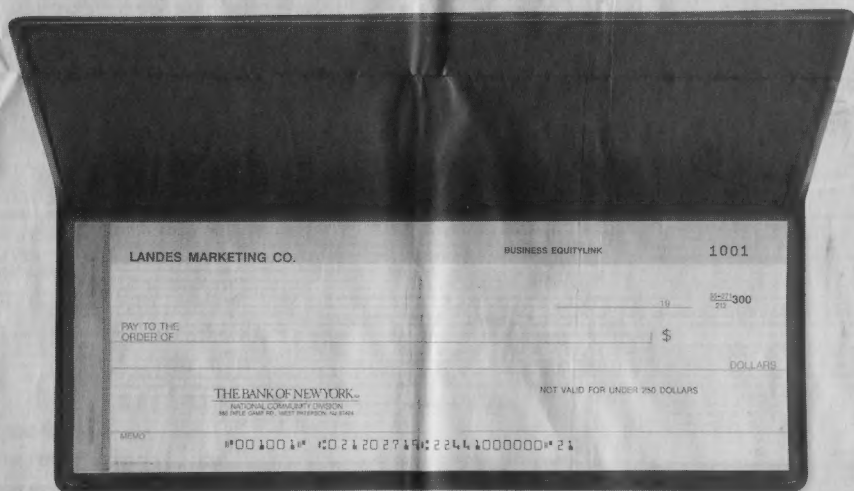
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